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MISSOURI'S NEW CONSTITUTION

Now, that the election of the delegates for the Constitutional Convention is over, the Milan Standard feels that it can say a few things it did not deem proper to say before the election. The editor of this newspaper, for the first time in his life, found himself in a position where he did not know who he was voting for and what those he did vote for STOOD FOR, and it has raised the question in our mind, "what-right did the Democratic and the Republican state committees have to call a meeting and name 15 delegates at large almost entirely unknown to the voting people of Missouri, for us to vote for and who would amend, or form, a new constitution for the state of Missouri?"

When a great state like Missouri degenerates into a condition where a half dozen (or a few more than a half dozen) two-by-four tin-horn politicians, who can hardly make a living for themselves and their families, who are not known outside of their voting precincts and who have not enough influence to convince one other person to their views, can call a meeting at Jefferson City and select 15 delegates (most of them unheard of in most parts of the state and few of them with any noted ability) to re-write and reconstruct the constitution of the great state of Missouri, it is time for the intelligent voters of the state to WAKE UP, take an inventory of themselves, of the existing conditions in the state and of the calibre of the men who are now in control and desire a change in our constitution.

The constitution of the state of Missouri is as good as any other state in the union. Some of the laws, of course, are obsolete and of no use whatever, and they have been cast aside by our courts—they die as fast as new conditions arise, and an intelligent judge and juror in all of our courts, when sitting at, or hearing cases, act accordingly, and pay no attention to citations from old and obsolete sections of our statutes—they have passed and have been thrown into the discard with the wooden plow and the ox-cart, with the trailing hoop skirt, the starch-bosomed shirt and boxed-toed shoes.

Our constitution was written by men of brains; was re-written, amended and amended again and again by those who gave their entire lives to the study of the needs of our state and its future existence. They did not stop with their own ideas, but they compared our laws with the laws of all other states, and in so doing they wove together all of the great ideas conceived by the brains of the entire United States and the World. And in the face of this, not over a dozen peanut politicians in the state of Missouri meet in Jefferson City and name a committee (or a number of delegates) for ALL OF US voters to vote for and whom NONE OF US REALLY KNOW, to write a new constitution for the state of Missouri.

It is simply absurd and too ridiculous for an intelligent person to give serious thought.

All we can see to it is that it gives a number of people a nice vacation for from six months to a year at a salary of \$10.00 a day. They will go to Jefferson City, loll around in easy chairs, smoke their havanas, play draw and stud poker, dress up, look pretty and wise and spend our money while we work like the devil to make the money for them to "sluff off" for their own pleasure.

The Standard has always kept in touch with the Big Things and the Big Men in the state of Missouri, but to date we fail to find any of the Big Men or Big Brains who conceived the idea or who are now advocating the making of a new constitution for Missouri.

After they get through spending our money (and we trust they will have a good time while doing so) and it finally soaks into the brains of the intelligent voters in the state, they will go to the polls and decide, by their votes, that the OLD CONSTITUTION IS FAR BETTER THAN THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN BY A FEW HAND-PICKED, INCOMPETENT JOB HUNTERS.

Put this in your hat and see if we are not right.

No, the state of Missouri does not want a Nonpartisan plan of government in any way. It would seem that the Governor and his lieutenants have the people stepping sideways sufficiently at this time to say nothing of going into the newspaper game.

Just one thing about this speech of Senator Reed's. It was made after Newberry was seated by majority vote. It would seem to those on the outside looking in that the senator was a bit late in getting his message over.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Good Meetings

Paul B. Naylor of the Missouri College of Agriculture spent four days in the county last week and did a whole lot of good in giving people a better understanding of the College of Agriculture and County Agent work.

The subject of Naylor's talk might be "Truth Makes us Free, Ignorance Makes us Slaves," for if we know the truth about poultry, hogs and soil we become master of poultry, hogs and soil in the sense that we know better how to manage them for profitable results. If we find ourselves located on a poor, worn out farm and taxes and interest to pay we are a slave to our condition unless we find out the truth in regard to soil improvement and live stock feeding in order that we may liberate ourselves from bondage.

A few of Mr. Naylor's statements follow:

"If you can produce all the eggs you now produce from half the hens you now have why do you want to keep the other half?"

"It is better to know the truth about poultry care and feeding and cut down on expenses.

"The same is probably true about the dairy cow in production of milk and butter fat.

"You had better be bit by your own dog than to be bit by the other fellow's dog. If bit by your own dog you can kick him about, but if bit by the other fellow's dog it may mean either the loss or a fight. This has reference to farmers trusting each other in organizations. If we as individuals hire a manager for our own business and he does not give satisfaction we can fire him but if we continue to patronize other organized business we have no control over it.

"There is a difference in the way men look at information regarding agriculture.

"The more some men know the more they want to know. The more they know the more they can know. The less a man knows the less he wants to know. The less a man knows the less he can know—and as he don't want to know any more he will soon know very little for "Truth

makes us free, and ignorance makes us slaves."

Folks sometimes think that they are paying a lot of tax to support our educational institutions and yet when we calculate how much it has cost the Missouri State University we find that this great University with all its departments has been run for 84 years at a total cost no greater than it takes to build one modern battle-ship. We leave it to you to decide

which has done the most for civilization in the middle west.

Mr. Naylor makes a strong appeal to farmers to stand by their organization, whether they be farmers, lawyers, rich or poor, active farmers or retired.

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